

REMARKS

The Ex Parte Quayle Action dated March 5, 2009 indicates that the specification is objected to and requires certain amendments. Claims 1-3 and 5-31 are allowed, but require amendments to improve readability. The amendments presented are made only to satisfy the Examiner's requests, and do not affect patentability of this application.

Applicant has made amendments to the specification and claims as suggested by the Examiner.

Regarding lack of support for claims 5, 11, and 13, Applicant respectfully traverses.

The Examiner alleges lack of support for claim 5 ("the thickness being smaller than one fifth the width"). Support can be found at original claim 5 and page 7: 26-34 (Paragraph 40 of the published application): "The thickness d of the dielectric layer is smaller than half the width b (e.g., one fifth the width b) of a conducting track member 10 or 12. The beginning 16 of the conducting track member 12 is connected to ground, as is the end 18 of the conducting track member 10." Because support for claim 5 is in original claim 5 and/or in this paragraph (Paragraph 40) (1/5 being "smaller than half ..."), no new matter is being presented. As indicated by the underlined text, Applicant has amended this paragraph (Paragraph 40) of the specification so that there is more explicit, word-for-word support.

The Examiner alleges lack of support for claim 11: ("the working frequency of above 400 MHz"). Support for claim 11 can be found at original claim 11 and page 7:11-12 (Paragraph 34 of the published application) which states "Figure 8 shows the calculated frequency response of the network according to Fig. 7", and page 8:32-34 to 9:1-8 (Paragraph 47 of the published application) which states "If greater stop band attenuation or steeper flanks are desired than in the spectrum shown in FIG. 8, further resonators may be connected in," and at Fig. 8, with reference to these teachings at the far left side of the graph of Fig. 8, the operation working frequency at the lower end is about 0.4 GHz (or 400 MHz). Thus clear support is present.

The Examiner alleges lack of support for claim 13 ("the respective value of k being at least 50% of the sum"). Support for claim 13 can be found at original claim 13, Fig. 9a and at page 9:9-20 (Paragraph 48 of the published application). Fig. 9a shows the offset " v " (Paragraph 48) as having various positions per the dashed-line box representing the upper track. The far right of these various positions shows the upper track being aligned over the lower track, at which location the offset " v " equals zero. As discussed in claim 13 and page 9:9-20 (Paragraph

48), $k = v + \frac{1}{2} d$; therefore, Fig. 9a shows the offset "v", and clear support in the specification is provided.


On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 651/686-6633.

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